

CURRICULUM VITAE



Lidija Brković
Director General

WORK EXPERIENCE

1 April 2019 – Present

Director General

CROATIAN BUREAU OF STATISTICS, Zagreb (Croatia)

- Managing the Bureau as the main producer, disseminator and coordinator of the official statistical system of the Republic of Croatia and as the main representative of the national statistical system before the European and international bodies competent for statistics
- Governing, organising, coordinating and assigning activities from the Bureau's scope of work
- Defining strategic objectives, monitoring the implementation of the risk management process, giving instructions, guidelines and addressing issues of utmost importance for the work of the Bureau and of the Croatian and European statistical system in order to ensure the full functioning, planning, development and implementation of the activities from the Bureau's scope of work
- Ensuring the implementation of laws and other regulations, supervising the legality and timeliness of the performance of activities and taking measures to ensure the work efficiency
- Cooperation with other state administration bodies, institutions and international organisations, as well as producers of official statistics
- Representation of the Bureau at domestic and international conferences, seminars and other meetings.

1 May 2014 – 31 March 2019

Advisor for the Securities and Non-Monetary Financial Institutions Statistics,

Monetary and Financial Statistics Department

CROATIAN NATIONAL BANK, Zagreb (Croatia)

- Monitoring and implementation of the European Central Bank regulations as well as domestic and international standards in the area of securities and non-monetary financial institutions statistics
- Analysing the adequacy of existing data sources, examining the possibilities of their use and adaptation, improving the quality of statistical data as well as existing available sources included in the compilation
- Compiling statistics on securities and non-monetary financial institutions (pension funds, insurance and reinsurance companies, investment funds, leasing companies, factoring companies, etc.) and preparing reports
- Analytical data processing – analysis of obtained data and collection of additional information for the correction of used statistical techniques
- Recognising and identifying new reporting needs, introducing new statistical surveys, proposing new data sources and promoting the relevance of new surveys
- Participation in the work of interdepartmental work groups and groups of other institutions (ECB)
- Monitoring and educating reporting entities on the newly-introduced surveys and their popularisation in the media.

1 September 2013 – 30 April 2014

Advisor for Financial and General Statistics, Statistics Department
CROATIAN NATIONAL BANK, Zagreb (Croatia)

- Monitoring and implementation of the European Central Bank regulations using the General Economic Statistics (GES) database guide as well as other methodological documents and available professional literature
- Collection, analysis and preparation of input data for the compilation of financial accounts statistics by institutional sectors as an integral account from the European System of National and Regional Accounts 2010 (ESA10)
- Collection, analysis and preparation of input data for the compilation of the general government debt statistics and public finance statistics as defined by the Cooperation Agreement in the Field of National Accounts of the General Government and Associated Statistics in accordance with the Manual on Government Deficit and Debt as an integral part of ESA10
- Work on the assessment of the indicator of negotiated wage rate – index of wages conditioned by collective agreements in the Republic of Croatia

1 January 2009 – 31 August 2013

Head of the Internal Accounting Operations Division, Accounting Department
CROATIAN NATIONAL BANK, Zagreb (Croatia)

- Management of the Internal Accounting Operations Division and organisation and coordination of the activities from the Division's scope of work (proposing annual operating plans, managing development projects, transferring knowledge and mentoring associates, monitoring the work performance, etc.)
- Ensuring compliance with internal rules and procedures from the Division's scope of work, drafting internal ordinances and instructions regarding posting and other business processes
- Controlling and participation in the preparation of annual financial statements and other reports in the field of finance and accounting, controlling synthetic data from analytical accounting records relevant for publication in financial statements with accompanying commentary on certain business events and financial results in a particular period, cooperation with auditors, other reports in the field of finance and accounting
- Proposing business improvements (finding and suggesting more efficient solutions in doing business, participation in the development and upgrading of existing application solutions, etc.)
- Authorising and controlling bookkeeping transactions, controlling and reconciling all analytical accounts with the balances in the gross balance sheet of the general ledger, monitoring the accuracy of the statistical reports of the Division.

1 January 2008 – 31 December 2008

Senior Associate in the Internal Accounting Operations Division, Accounting Department
CROATIAN NATIONAL BANK, Zagreb (Croatia)

- Payroll accounting and accounting of other receipts of employees and receipts from other income, control and harmonisation of data
- Data analysis and production of various projections of employee related costs
- Preparation of reports according to internal requirements (ad hoc and regular).

22 January 2007 – 31 December 2007

Senior Associate in the Finance and Administrative Accounting Division
Accounting Department
CROATIAN NATIONAL BANK, Zagreb (Croatia)

- Processing of the financial documentation of foreign suppliers (controlling and managing of the contracts of foreign suppliers, calculation of VAT on services provided by foreign suppliers, issuing orders, keeping control registers on the import of goods and services, cooperation with foreign suppliers, credit card operations, payments through the National Clearing System (NCS), monitoring of the collection of claims, etc.)

- Preparation of reports on the utilisation of the contracts concluded and on the realisation by individual procurement subject codes and the preparation of other reports according to internal requirements (ad hoc and regular)
- Data analysis from the Division's scope of work as necessary.

1 March 2005 – 22 January 2007

Associate for Payment Operations, Payment Operations Division, Financial Service
MINISTRY OF DEFENCE OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA, Zagreb (Croatia)

- Entry and processing of requests in the State Treasury System (filling treasuries with cash in kuna, provision of foreign currency cash advances for the needs of peacekeeping missions and operations as well as military diplomatic missions abroad and other requests relating to the payment of wages and compensations to employees)
- Foreign exchange transactions (filing of financial documents, preparation of payment orders, calculation and preparation of payments from foreign exchange accounts, analysis of cash transactions by currencies, preparation of monthly reports to the Croatian National Bank (OU-DEP) on the balances of the Ministry of Defence's accounts abroad)
- Cooperation with other organisational units, the Ministry of Finance, the Financial Agency (Fina), banks and other institutions with regard to the execution of the approved budget of the Ministry through the State Treasury.

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS

- President of the Council Working Party on Statistics (1 January 2020 – 30 June 2020)
- EU Coordinator
- Head of the Project Group for the Coordination of Activities in the Preparation and Conducting of the Census of Population, Households and Dwellings in the Republic of Croatia in 2021
- SCM (Standard Cost Model) Coordinator

MEMBERSHIPS

- National Council for the Introduction of the Euro as the Official Currency in the Republic of Croatia
- Coordination Committee for the Adjustment of the General Government
- Coordination Committee for the Adjustment of the Economy and Consumer Protection
- Working Group for the Development of Methodology and Legal Basis for the Building Material Price Escalation
- Working Group for the Preparation of Programme Documents for the 2021 – 2027 Financial Period of the European Union – Integrated Territorial Development
- Working Group for the Preparation of Programme Documents for the 2021 – 2027 Financial Period of the European Union – Smart Croatia
- Working Group for the Preparation of Programme Documents for the 2021 – 2027 Financial Period of the European Union – Connected Croatia
- Working Group for the Preparation of Programme Documents for the 2021 – 2027 Financial Period of the European Union – Green Croatia
- Working Group for the Preparation of Programme Documents for the 2021 – 2027 Financial Period of the European Union – Solidary Croatia
- Negotiating Group for the Accession of the Republic of Croatia to the OECD
- Council of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the Croatsians outside the Republic of Croatia
- Monitoring Committee for the Operational Programme "Competitiveness and Cohesion"
- National Council for Sustainable Development
- Commission for International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid Abroad
- National Spatial Data Infrastructure Council
- Interdepartmental Working Group for European Affairs
- Working Group for the Improvement of Business Conditions in the Republic of Croatia
- Statistical Council of the Republic of Croatia
- Commission of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the Fulfilment of Obligations towards the International Labour Organization

- Interdepartmental Working Group for Planning, Implementation and Reporting on the Implementation of Measure 24 Continuous production of TSA and regional TSAs
- Partnership Group – Eurostat (1 July 2019 – 31 December 2020)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2014

Postgraduate specialist study Financial Institutions and Markets, specialist post-graduate thesis The Impact of Global Crisis on the Pension Funds Industry in the World and in the Republic of Croatia
University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business, Zagreb (Croatia)

2006

Passed the state qualifying exam in the area of finance

1998 – 2003

Faculty of Economics and Business, the Finance course
University of Zagreb, Faculty of Economics and Business

1994 – 1998

II. jezična gimnazija Split (2nd Grammar School in Split)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Foreign languages

	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C1	C1	B2	B2	B2
Italian	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user – B1/B2: Independent user – C1/C2: Proficient user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

DIGITAL SKILLS

Self-assessment				
Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient user	Independent user	Basic user	Basic user	Basic user

Digital skills – Self-assessment table

Excellent knowledge of MS Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access

Driving licence

B category

JOB-RELATED SKILLS

- Pronounced analytical skills, taking different perspectives into consideration to find the best solution
- Ability to determine and choose priorities, and critical thinking
- Ability to carry out tasks in a very short period, to work on several activities and projects at the same time and to adapt to the changed working conditions and work tasks

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS

- Ability to plan and organize the execution of tasks within given deadlines
- Propensity for teamwork, focus on common goals and creation of good business relationships within the team.

COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills acquired during the past work experience in daily communication and good cooperation with colleagues and external associates
- Ability to build trust with clear and open communication with a special emphasis on an interactive relationship full of respect and appreciation of different opinions of team members, as well as sharing of knowledge, experience and ideas.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

2022

53rd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, organised by the United Nations Statistical Commission, 28 February – 4 March 2022, videoconference

2021

27th Dubrovnik Economic Conference, organised by the Croatian National Bank, 18 – 19 July 2021, Dubrovnik

52nd Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, organised by the United Nations Statistical Commission, 1 – 5 March 2021, videoconference

2020

26th Dubrovnik Economic Conference, organised by the Croatian National Bank, 18 – 20 June 2020, Dubrovnik

51st Session of the United Nations Statistical Commission, organised by the United Nations Statistical Commission, 3 – 6 March 2020, New York, United States of America

2019

73rd Meeting of the Partnership Group (PG), organised by Eurostat and Statistics Denmark, 6 December 2019, Copenhagen, Denmark

105th DGINS Conference „The statistical implication of economic globalisation“, organised by Eurostat, 9 – 10 October 2019, Bratislava, Slovakia

72nd Meeting of the Partnership Group (PG), organised by Eurostat and Statistics Denmark, 6 September 2020, Copenhagen, Denmark

Conference of European Statisticians (CES), organised by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, 26 – 28 June 2019, Paris, France

Meeting of the European Statistical Governance Board (ESGAB), organised by Eurostat, 19 June 2019, Brussels, Belgium

Informal Workshop of Directors-General of National Statistical Institutes on „Priority setting in the ESS“, organised by Eurostat, 13 – 14 June 2019, Krakow, Poland

European Social Fund Project “Improving the knowledge, skills and professional competencies of civil and public servants for representing national interests and harmonising legislative proposals in the institutions of

the European Union", organised by the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, 19 – 25 May 2019, Brussels, Belgium

Informal Workshop of Directors-General of National Statistical Institutes on „Collaborative economy“, organised by Eurostat, 15 May 2019, Luxembourg

2016

Regional Statistical Seminar Draft Programme CNB – ECB, organised by the Czech National Bank and the European Central Bank, 11 – 14 May 2016, Prague, Czech Republic

2015

Introduction to Banking Supervision for Non Supervisors, organised by the International Monetary Fund, 30 March – 3 April 2015, Vienna, Austria

2014

Monetary and Financial Statistics Collected and Compiled by the ESCB, organised by the Austrian National Bank, 17 – 21 November 2014, Vienna, Austria

2013

Financial accounts seminar, organised by the European Central Bank, 18 – 22 November 2013, Frankfurt am Main, Germany

Accounting, Planning & Control, Risk – Process Management in a Central Bank, organised by the Dutch National Bank, 24 – 26 June 2013, Amsterdam, Netherlands